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Representative Kern Praises Provision Allowing Political Parties to Opt Out of Presidential Preference Election

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Anthony Kern (R-20) today praised a provision in the fiscal year 2019 budget that allows state political parties to opt out of the presidential preference election in 2020.

"There's no reason taxpayers should have to pay for presidential preference elections if party voters are happy with their incumbent nominee," said Representative Kern.

Both parties have chosen to opt out of Arizona presidential preference elections in the past. Democrats opted out in 1996 and 2012, and Republicans opted out in 2004.

The Arizona Republican Party officially notified the Arizona Secretary of State's office this morning that the party will opt out of the 2020 presidential preference election.

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